

Spring/Summer  
2013

# The Quarrier



## Town Calendar



### Plants in the Park

April 27<sup>th</sup> – Granite Lake Park  
9am – 1pm (see pg. 4)

National Police Officers Week  
May 12<sup>th</sup> – May 18<sup>th</sup>

### GQFD Steak Supper

May 4<sup>th</sup> / 5pm-7pm

### Town Dumpster

May 9<sup>th</sup> – May 11<sup>th</sup>  
(see pg. 3)

### Fish for Fun

May 18<sup>th</sup> – Granite Lake Park  
10am-2pm (see pg. 4)

### Town Hall Closings:

May 27<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day  
July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day  
Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Labor Day

### Board of Aldermen Meeting Schedule

**Mondays @ 7:00pm**  
**In the Town Hall**



- May 6, 2013
- June 3, 2013
- July 1, 2013
- August 5, 2013
- September 3, 2013  
(on Tuesday due to Holiday)

## Welcome Spring!



After a long and cold winter, the arrival of Spring is a welcome sight! The flowers are blooming and the pollen has already begun covering everything in its path! Even students have started the countdown for the care free days of summer! There are many happenings that will be taking place in the Town during the next several months. We hope we will see you at one of these events! Be sure to check out our upcoming events on page 4.

Mowing season and yard working is in full force! Warm weather motivates us to get outside and get busy! Please remember to drink plenty of water and stay hydrated as you are working in the heat. We are very appreciative of our citizens for keeping their yards clean and cut. As a reminder, grass must not reach over 12 inches high as stated in our Town Ordinances.

Spring and Summer is a great time to have a Yard Sale! We are seeing more and more Yard Sale signs pointing the way to bargains galore! As you plan your sale, please keep the following in mind. Sign size should be no more than 6 square feet. Please refrain from posting signs on street signs or on utility poles. Signs should be taken down within 24 hours after the sale. We hope you make a bundle!

The last day of school is June 7<sup>th</sup>! Keep a watchful eye for students who maybe out and about in the community. We encourage everyone to take advantage of our beautiful parks – whether walking the circle at Granite Lake, enjoying the nature trail at Centennial Park, or just tossing a Frisbee around at Civic Park! You can even plan an event by renting one of our shelters! Please call the Town for more details at (704)279-5596.

If you are going on vacation this summer, please drop by the Town Hall and complete a Residence Security Check form. Our Police Officers will keep an eye on your home while you are away!

We are looking forward to a great Spring/Summer Season! If you have any questions regarding any of the above information, give us a call at the Town Hall!

And remember – be safe and stay cool!

## Did You Know?



- According to Ordinance 14.32 – Open Fire Burning is illegal inside the Town Limits!
- Garbage Collection – For any questions concerning your garbage cans or collection issues, please call Waste Management directly at (704)279-4890!
- Granite Quarry offers wonderful amenities for hosting events! Please call the Town Hall at (704)279-5596, ext. 201 to reserve a facility such as the Legion Building, Civic and Granite Lake Shelters/Gazebo or the Centennial Park Gazebo.

## A Moment with Mayor Ponds



Welcome Spring!! Spring is truly in the air and on our minds! All around us we see evidence of new life, growth and change. Within the Town, we too, anticipate the attitude of Spring and the season of revitalization. Several projects are nearing approval that will prove very beneficial to our wonderful Town and citizens.

We welcome all of our new businesses who are adding to the landscape of Granite! We celebrate these new ventures and look forward to many more to come!

The Revitalization Project launched by the Town Board and Planning/Zoning Board is like a breath of fresh air! Our goal is to improve the visual image of Granite Quarry, enhance our marketability and increase our business footprint. Citizens and businesses from the community have come together in this effort. They have volunteered to assume leadership positions and work toward the common goal of moving our Town forward – for this we say Thank You! We also solicit your involvement and encourage you to become a

part of this exciting Revitalization Project! There are also other committees where your help would be welcome! Don't let age be a barrier. We need citizens of all ages and degrees of experience. We need seasoning as well as flavor! Let us know we can count on you - as we continually strive to make Granite Quarry a "Master Suite" with all the amenities!

As the uniqueness of Granite continues to unfold, we must share with others that we are a community where family is valued, community pride is paramount and unity is essential! Let's show others exactly why GQROX!

Warmest Regards! *Mayor Ponds*

## Police Department News



**GET IN THE  
HABIT**  
**Halt Auto Break-Ins Today**

- ALWAYS Lock Doors And Roll Up Windows
- Try to Park in Well Lighted Areas
- Do Not Leave Anything Of Value in Your Vehicle
- Take Items with you Or Lock Them In Your Trunk

Dial 911 To Report suspicious activity To The Police

The Granite Quarry Police Department wants you to **"Get in the Habit"**! These posters have been placed around town to promote crime prevention related to car theft. Keep your doors locked and windows rolled up. Always try to park in well lighted areas. Make sure to remove valuable items from your vehicles at night or lock them in your trunk.

**By getting in the HABIT, you can protect yourself and your vehicle!**

Chief Mark Cook also suggests other ways to help keep you and your home safe:

- Conduct safety walks around your house to identify areas that may be inviting to a criminal - such as bushes covering a window or non-working lights around the home;
- Lock all doors, windows and garages at all times – even when you are home;
- Secure your home with strong doors and locks;
- Never open your door to strangers or solicitors;
- If you have an alarm system in your home, activate the perimeter doors and windows while you are in the home – if someone attempts to gain entry, the alarm will sound, giving you time to react;
- Have an escape plan! Train family members on where to go and what to say in case of emergency;
- Train family members – especially children – how to dial 911;
- Report all suspicious activity to the police.

As always, if you experience an emergency, please dial 9-1-1.  
To contact the Granite Quarry Police Department, dial direct to (704)279-2952

***Let's Work Together to Keep Our Town Safe!***

## From the Fireside



New seasons bring new changes – and the Fire Department knows this very well! As many are aware, Chief David Morris has resigned as Fire Chief effective March 12<sup>th</sup>. Chief Morris has been a part of the GQFD for many years and has served as Chief twice and most recently for the past six years. We are very grateful to Chief Morris for the leadership he has shown to the department and for his service to the Town of Granite Quarry. The Town wishes all the best for Chief Morris and his family.

Chief Mark Troublefield

Chief Mark Troublefield has been named as Interim Fire Chief while also continuing to serve as Fire Marshall.

We are very excited to welcome Chief Troublefield in this new role. His positive leadership and extensive experience will be a great benefit to the Town as the GQFD continues to grow strong and valiant!



## GET INFORMED!!



**Check out the Information Boards located at Granite Lake and Civic Parks! Get updated on upcoming events and important happenings in the Town!**

## Maintenance Department News!

Whether they are removing fallen trees, moving office furniture, installing floor coverings in the Legion Building or repairing damaged sidewalks, our Maintenance Department can always be found working hard!

Limb pick up takes place on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month. To be placed on the pickup list, please call **(704)279-5596, ext. 213**.

### Limb guidelines include:

- Maximum length 1-ft
- Maximum width 8 inches
- No stumps
- Limbs must be placed in the Town's right of way and off the street

Our guys work very hard to make our Town clean and beautiful. If you see any concerns regarding the status of the parks or other Town property, please feel free to give them a call!



## SPRING DUMPSTERS ARE BACK!!

Yes, its that time again! Dumpsters will be available for Granite Quarry citizens to toss their junk! This is a wonderful service provided by the Town and supervised by our Maintenance Team! Here are the Details:

### **Location: 913 S Main St.**

Thursday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>	1pm – 4:30pm
Friday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	1pm – 430pm
Saturday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	8am – 2pm

**For GQ Citizens Only!**



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION.....

### TAG AND TAXES

The North Carolina General Assembly passed a new law to create a combined motor vehicle registration renewal and property tax collection system (Tag & Tax System). In doing so, the new law transfers the responsibility for motor vehicle tax collection from the 100 counties across North Carolina to the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). To ensure the process of switching systems runs smoothly we ask that you do the following when you receive your Tag & Tax bill:

- Verify your address is correct
- Verify your district# is correct. Granite Quarry = District 110
- If either is incorrect, please use the contact information provided on the renewal notice to have changes made and your tax bill recalculated.

***If your address and/or district number is incorrect you could be paying too much in vehicle taxes!***

## Upcoming Events .....

### Employee Spotlight

The Town of Granite Quarry is very proud of our Police Department! Our men in blue are out there in the community everyday protecting and serving.

Officer Matt Milette has been with the GQPD for 5 years. Previously, he worked as a Fire Fighter here in Granite Quarry. Officer Milette has 4 sons ranging in ages from 8 to 18. His oldest son is currently serving in the Army. When he is off duty, he enjoys mowing!

Officer Milette says that "interacting with the community" is the best part of his job. You get to see the good in people. But you also see the bad." Officer Milette (also Known as "M&M" around the front office!) loves his job and works diligently to protect and serve the citizens of Faith and Granite Quarry.

Our hats are off to Officer Milette! His service and dedication to our community is very much appreciated  
**We love our Men in Blue!!**

Officer Matt Milette



Congratulations to Finance Officer, Stacy Heath who has received her

designation as a Certified Local Governmental Finance Officer. **Well done Stacy!!**



Check us out on the web:  
[www.granitequarrync.gov](http://www.granitequarrync.gov)



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Plants in the Park

Granite Lake Park

Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 9am – 1pm

Come support your local civic groups and schools. Plants, crafts and more will be available. Come early to get the good stuff!



### Ladies Auxiliary Steak Supper

GQ Fire Department

May 4<sup>th</sup> 5pm – 7pm

\$12.00 per ticket

Contact the GQFD to Purchase Tickets

(704)279-5596, ext. 502



### Fish For Fun!

Granite Lake Park

Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>

Fishing Times from 10am-12p; or 12p-2p

Sign up begins on May 1<sup>st</sup>

Drop by the Town Hall or call (704)279-5596, ext. 201

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



**GOING GREEN HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER!**

**IT'S FREE!!!**

Are you Recycling? If you aren't, Granite Quarry is making it really easy for you to start! Currently, the Town is paying for Recycling services. It's so easy to get started. Simply call the Town Hall at (704)279-5596. We will do the rest!

**FREE**

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**TO OUR CURRENT RECYCLERS, WE SAY THANK YOU!**

As a reminder, Granite Quarry contracts with 2 different recycling companies:

**All American Disposal:** Pick up dates are 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays each Month.  
(704)636-3581

**Sharks Recycling:** Pick up dates are 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays each month.  
(704)279-3385

**IT'S FREE TO GO GREEN!!**